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**RESPONSE TO AUGUST 17, 2009 OFFICE ACTION
IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/567,073**

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Sir:

This responds to the August 17, 2009 Office Action in the above-identified application. The time for responding to the August 17, 2009 Office Action without extension was set at three months, or November 17, 2009. This Response is therefore timely.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)** hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the August 17, 2009 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.